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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 8 — 3 — 1867.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th March 1867.

No. 151. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue), to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 24th January 1867, No. 5 :—

1. I have considered in Council the Despatch from your Excellency in Council, numbered 53, and dated the 26th November last, in which you inform me of the circumstances connected with the return to England of Mr. Egbert Barwell, the Engineer sent out to work the Steam Plough in 1865, and of the reasons which induced you to make arrangements for his conveyance to England as a first class passenger on board the "Berar."

2. Under the circumstances stated by you, I approve your proceedings. I am gratified to learn the excellent report of Mr. Barwell's conduct and services during the period of his engagement, and regret that ill-health has forced him to terminate that engagement before his period of service had expired.

3. I observe that it is stated in paragraph 4 of the Board of Revenue's Proceedings, that Mr. Barwell was "put to considerable expense for medical attendance." As, however, it is believed that Mr. Barwell was entitled to the services of a Government Medical Officer, without charge, I do not see how this can have been the case, and I shall be glad to receive an explanation of the circumstance.

4. I desire also to receive a report on the operations of the Steam Plough, and the opinion of your Excellency in Council as to whether they have been successful.

No. 152. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1867, No. 578.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue.

2. The Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department will be requested to submit the explanation required in paragraph 3 of the Despatch. He will be furnished with a copy of the Proceedings of the Board, dated 18th October 1866, and they will put him in possession of any further information he may require on the subject of the first part of paragraph 4 thereof.

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Despatch, the Government observe that there are two reports on record on the working of the Steam Plough, one from Colonel Thompson, Agent for Remounts, dated 14th September 1865, No. 218, and the other from the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras, dated 1st December 1865. But neither of them was satisfactory, as the machine was shewn to have been worked under certain disadvantages, and the Government requested the Board, in their Order dated 16th January 1866, No. 119, to arrange with the Collector of Madras for a further trial in some suitable locality near Madras. The Collector, however, reported that the plough must be laid aside till the following monsoon, or until rain

Proceedings of Government, dated 28th September 1865, No. 2,343.
Do. do. dated 16th January 1866, No. 119.
To Board, dated 5th February 1866, No. 39.

sufficient to soften the ground had fallen, and the Government accordingly directed that it should be deposited at the Sydapet Farm until required again. They have not yet been informed of the further trial made of it, and the Board of Revenue will be requested to report on the subject at an early date.

Proceedings dated 26th February 1866, No. 518.

4. A copy of this Order will be furnished to the Farm Committee, with a request to report how they propose to utilize the Steam Plough, and whether they can make arrangements for giving it one or more fair trials during the approaching south-west monsoon.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department,
With Board's Proceedings 18th October 1866.
„ the Sydapet Farm Committee.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department.

No. 578.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 8th March 1867.

Read the following Despatch from the Secretary of State

Approving the proceedings of this Govt in connection with Mr Barnwell's return to England, and desiring explanation relative to Rev: Bd's statement that Mr Barnwell was "put to considerable expense for Medical attendance," also to receive a report, with the opinion of this Govt, on the operations of the Steam Plough

(Received 2nd January 1867 No. 5)

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue —

2. The Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department will be requested to submit the explanations required in paras 3 of the Despatch. He will be furnished with a copy of the Proceedings of the Board dated 18th October 1866, and they will find them in possession of any further

further information he may require on the subject of the first part of para 4. thereof.

3. With reference to para 4 of the Despatch, the Government observe that there are two reports on record on the working of the Steam Plough, one from Colonel Thompson, dated 11th September 1865 No 218, and the other from the Municipal Commissioners for the Town of Madras dated 1st December 1865.

Post of Canada No 3 — 18th Sept 1865 No 2843.

Post of 16th January 1866 No 19.

So Board 7th Feb: 1866, No 39.

Pro: 26th Feb 1866, No 578.

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Re Neither of them has taken place, as the Machine has been shown to have been worked under certain disadvantages, and the Govt requested the Board in their order dated 16th January 1866, No 19 to arrange with the Collector of Madras for immediate employment in some suitable locality near Madras — which was accordingly done in February 1866 that the Plough should be laid aside till the following monsoon, or, until there was sufficient rain for the ground softly, and the Govt accordingly directed that it be deposited at the Sydapet Storm until required again. They have not as yet been informed of the steps which have been

been taken by the Collr
of Madura to work the
Plough during the en
-suing monsoon, and the
Board of Revenue will
be requested to report
on the subject at an
early date —

4th A copy of this
order will be fur=
=nished to the Com=
=mittee with a request
to report how they pro=
=pose to utilize the im=
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ensuing Fasli, or throughout
the year —

14 Copies to Collr of Revenue Board &c &c
1 Copy - to Secretary Govt of Madras Medical Dept
with Board's Proc dated 6th Feb 1866 -
6 Copies to Superintendent Farm Committee

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Pro of Govt for March
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Pro of the Madras Govt
Dy 8th March 1867

From the Hony Secy to the
Famine Commission dy 17 Sept 67
& No 2672

From Insp Gen
dte 24 Nov 67
& rec 818
Bd of Revenue
9 April 68 & rec 971.

Despatch from
Govt on the subject
of the Mechanical Engr
Mr Barnell's return to
England Comm to Bd
of Revenue and Insp Genl
Medl Depart to explain
with reference to the ex-
penses incurred by him
for Medical attendance

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